

# Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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**WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE** - Indiana's largest state operated property!

**Patoka Lake Interpretive Services** presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

Visit our website: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/)

## May 2009 Activities

### Saturday, May 2nd - Welcome Back Weekend

10a.m. **INShape DNR Walk for Fitness** ~ Enjoy a spring walk along the improved stations of the Fitness Trail. Meet the naturalist at the Modern Campgrounds Shelterhouse for this fun 2 mile walk. This is a statewide event to welcome back visitors to our beautiful reservoirs and parks. Celebrate the season as we enjoy wildlife along the way! **ccs**



10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**

10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**

1p.m. **Birds of Prey** ~ Hear the story of 2 amazing raptors. How does a bald eagle hunt for and catch its food? Discover how many nest sites are located around Patoka. **vc**

### Sunday, May 3rd

10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**

10a.m. **Narrows Hike** ~ Hear stories from Patoka's past and enjoy a short walk on the road through history. **vc**

1p.m. **Owls of Patoka** ~ Learn about the common and not-so-common owls, the hunters of the night. Live Guest! **vc**

2p.m. **Build a Scarecrow** ~ Help the Visitor Center staff build and decorate a scarecrow for the backyard gardens. All materials will be supplied, just bring your creativity! **vc**

3p.m. **Wildflowers of Spring & Summer** ~ With indoor and outdoor programs, explore the world of nature's bloomers. Let's take a look in the woodland areas for Dutchmans breeches, wild summer phlox, wild ginger, shooting star and columbine. Dress for the outdoors and we'll go on a short stroll. **vc**

### Saturday, May 9th

10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail**

**Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**

10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**

1p.m. **Insects or Bugs** ~ What is a true bug? What are some of the common insects around Patoka? With indoor and outdoor programs, let's take a walk to see what insects are out and about. **vc**

### Sunday, May 10th

The Visitor Center will be CLOSED

### Coming June 6th

#### Kid's Fishing Derby

9:30a.m. to 12 noon

Kids Fishing Pond

Ages 12 and under



# PATOKA'S 22ND ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

PATOKA LAKE VISITOR CENTER

10A.M. TILL 3P.M. (E.D.T.)

PIONEER CRAFTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

HIKE THROUGH TIME \* MUSIC \* LIAR'S BENCH  
HISTORY & HERITAGE DISPLAYS \* FOOD VENDOR  
STORYTELLING \* BLACKSMITHING \* QUILTING  
COVERED WAGON RIDES & MULE TEAM  
FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!



- 10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka's resident raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and see what raptors are all about. Hear the story of birds of prey as a vital part of natural history in southern Indiana and along the Patoka River.
- 10a.m. **Lografting & Life on the Patoka River** ~ With slides and more, take a look at the rich history of the Patoka river area. Hear stories collected from local folks of how they lived day to day, by farming and getting by.
- 11a.m. **Hike through Time** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join a short walk as we look at yesteryear. Hear stories of Mr. Fred Dillard and others as they relate to traveling in the old days, logging and gathering food.
- 1-3p.m. **Old Time Music with The Gibson Family & Friends** ~ Enjoy old-time, traditional, folk, gospel and bluegrass tunes as musicians gather for a music jam. Bring your musical instruments & singing voice (not required), as we enjoy the afternoon listening to the music of Patoka's past, tunes that are still popular today! **vc**

## Sunday, May 17th

- 10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Mammals** ~ What determines that an animal is a mammal? What are some of the common and not-so-common mammals of Patoka? Come and take a look with this indoor program as we explore the world of Indiana's wildlife. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Animal Tracks & Signs** ~ Who was here? We may not see the animal, but sometimes we can tell who was here by the signs they leave behind. Come and enjoy making plaster casts of animal tracks! **vc**



## Memorial Weekend

### Saturday, May 23rd

- 10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Birds of Prey** ~ Take a close-up look at 2 raptors, Redtail Hawk & Bald Eagle C52 in the backyard viewing area. Learn about the habits and habitat of these large birds. Why do they live at Patoka? **vc**
- 1p.m. **Canoe/Kayak Adventure** ~ Bring your kayak or canoe (canoes available while supplies last) and meet the naturalist at the beach. Enjoy an afternoon on the waters of Patoka as we look for area wildlife including bald eagles, waterfowl and beaver. **b**

### Sunday, May 24th

- 9a.m. **Roving Interpreter** ~ Watch for the naturalist at the playgrounds and campsites near you. A surprise or two may be in store for your Memorial Day adventures.
- 10a.m.-3p.m. **Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be "OUT" in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and see what raptors are all about. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Garden Rock Loop Hike** ~ Wear comfortable shoes and join in an afternoon walk as we explore the cliff outcroppings, maple trees and beech woods of this 1/2 mile trail. **vc**
- 3p.m. **Owls Up Close** ~ With a live guest, let's explore the world of the night hunters, the winged wonders. What are the special tools of an owl, used for defense, flying, and catching their food in the dark? Check it out! **vc**

### Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day

- 10a.m.-3p.m. **Patoka Resident Raptors, Bald Eagle C52 & Redtail Hawk** will be out in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come and take a close-up look. **vc**
- 10a.m. **Insect BINGO** ~ Buzzzz on over to the Visitor Center to play an old-time favorite game with a nature twist. Fun for all ages! **vc**

### Saturday, May 30th

- 10a.m. **Quest** ~ Learn about an exciting new adventure for all ages at DNR State Parks and Reservoirs. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Box Turtles** ~ Take a close-up look at Patoka's resident box turtle. Learn about the new laws to protect them. **vc**

### Sunday, May 31st

- 1p.m. **Frog or Toad** ~ Discover the similarities and differences between these amphibians. Take a close-up look while we uncover some of the myths behind these creatures. Make your own origami jumping frog. **vc**
- 2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ Discover the exciting creatures around us in a short nature video. **vc**

### KEY for Program Locations:

vc - Visitor Center

b - Beach

ccs - Modern Campground Shelterhouse

